



**COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
MEETING MINUTES OF
April 23, 2007**

PRESENT: Berger, Bunker, Fort, Vice-Chair Moore, Longley-Cook, Cooney, Chair Lord-Hausman, and Kirola

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Hakanson

GUESTS: Lucretia Akil (Assistant Risk Manager)

MINUTES: The minutes of March 26, 2007 were approved as submitted.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. The agenda and minutes of the Social Service Human Relations Board were read by the secretary.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Draft Transportation Element for General Plan Amendment California Environmental Quality Act Review:

The draft Transportation Element (TE) was distributed to the Commissioners. The transportation element consists of the following five items: 1) draft Multimodal Circulation Plan goals and policies, 2) draft Pedestrian Plan policies, 3) draft policies regarding the review of environmental impact reports (EIRs), 4) draft Street Functional Classification System, and 5) draft TSM/TDM policies. Commissioner Ed Cooney informed the Commission that he had attended past meetings and reviewed the draft and hadn't found anything that would be of interest to the commission or anything against the element. However, each commissioner should review and provide any comments at the May meeting. A copy should be made available in audio format.

2. Concerts at the Cove:

Commissioner Adrienne Longley-Cook informed the Commission about the East Bay Regional Park Crown Beach Concerts summer schedule to be held June 8, July 13, and August 10. As in previous years, the Commission will staff the event and have a table for disability awareness. Commissioners Moore and Longley-Cook will attend the June 8th concert. Commissioner Longley-Cook will also attend the two other concerts. Commissioners should contact Adrienne Longley-Cook or Toby Berger if they plan to assist.

3. Disability Awareness Month Planning:

A subcommittee was formed with Vice-Chair Jody Moore as chair to discuss planning options for the October 'Disability Awareness Month' activities. She will provide an update at the May meeting regarding the field of dreams baseball field at Alameda Point.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Bus Shelters: (Commissioner Longley-Cook)

Commissioner Adrienne Longley-Cook informed the Commission on the April 3, 2007 City Council item 'Proposed Bus Shelter Design Standard for All Future Installations in the City of Alameda'. The secretary distributed copies of the staff report to the Commissioners. Commissioner Ed Cooney requested that the report also be provided in audio and e-mail. Commissioner Adrienne Longley-Cook will attend the April 25 Transportation Commission meeting and report back to the Commission at the May meeting. The Commission requested that they be notified of any future bus shelter installations so that they can provide assistance in placement.

2. PAPCO:

Staff is still soliciting for a PAPCO volunteer. Chair Audrey Lord-Hausman informed the Commission that she will contact staff regarding the status of the vacancy on the PAPCO Commission. PAPCO's meeting location has changed from Hayward to Oakland.

3. Audible Traffic Signal Locations:

The secretary and Commissioner Ed Cooney informed the Commission on their site visit to the northeast corner of Webster Street and Buena Vista Avenue. It was observed that the current configuration of the intersection and the traffic island would render the existing 45-degree crosswalk unsafe to the visually impaired if signals were upgraded with audibles. A Commissioner stated that the intersection of Ironwood and Island Drive is very difficult to cross, as it does not have a traffic signal.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Ms. Lucretia Akil, Risk Manager, distributed invitations and informed the Commission that a breakfast buffet will be held in recognition of the City's volunteers. The buffet will be held on Thursday, May 31st, 8:30am, at the Grand Pavilion, 300 Island Drive. RSVP to Lucretia by May 10th.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Commissioner Ed Cooney informed the Commission that he will be resigning from the commission when his term expires in June.
2. Some of the Commissioners' terms will expire in June. Re-appointments will be necessary. Secretary to update Commission at the May Commission meeting.
3. Commissioner Audrey Lord-Hausman informed the commission that an Oakland Tribune March 27, 2007 article rated the City of Berkeley as the most accessible city for disabled and Chicago was the runner-up. She also stated the City of Berkeley will soon have a new center for the disabled: The Ed Roberts Campus, a one-stop-shop for disability services.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, May 21, 2007 in Room 360 at City Hall.

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Ed Sommerauer
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